

Divine Service. METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH Services every Sabbath at 11 A. M. and 4 1/2 P. M. Sabbath School at 12 1/4 P. M. Free. A cordial invitation extended to all.

REV. T. GRAHAM, Pastor. PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. Preaching at 11 o'clock A. M., and 7 o'clock P. M., by the Pastor, W. C. BURCHARD. Sabbath School at 12 1/4, directly after forenoon service. Prayer Meeting and Sabbath School Teacher's Meeting Tuesday evenings of each week.



Petroleum Centre Lodge, No. 716, I. O. of O. F.

Regular meeting nights Friday, at 7 o'clock. Signed, W. B. MONTGOMERY, N. G. C. H. BAILEY, A Sec'y. Place of meeting, Main St., opposite McClellan House.

A. O. of U. W. Liberty Lodge No. 7, A. O. of U. W., meets every Monday evening at 7 1/2 o'clock, in Odd Fellow's Hall, Petroleum Centre, Penna.

JAMES WILSON, M. W. JAMES S. WHITS, E.

I. O. of R. M. Minnekaunee Tribe No. 183, I. O. R. M. of Petroleum Centre, meets every Thursday evening in Good Templar's Hall. Council fires lighted at 7 o'clock. H. HOWE, Sachem. C. L. JUKES, Chief of Records.

Gold at 1 1/2 p. m. 110 3/4

Quite a lively little pigeon match came off on Stevenson Hill, this afternoon. The usual conditions, 21 yards rise and 80 yards boundary, were observed. The following is the score:

Table with 2 columns: Name and Score. FIRST MATCH: H. Davis (0 0 0-0), John Waddell (0 0 1-1). SECOND MATCH: Adam Wyman (0 1 1 0-2), W. B. Davis (1 1 1 1-4), J. C. Bump (1 1 1 1-4). Jones (1 1 0 1-3), Hamilton (1 1 0 0-2), Waddell (0 0 0 0-0).

*Dropped outside the bounds. The Jews' stonement last ended yesterday.

A friend from St. Petersburg figures out things in that district after this fashion.—The average daily production is estimated at 5,000 barrels per day. The population is estimated at 8,000. At present prices of oil he concludes that each inhabitant, were the price of the 5,000 barrels divided up daily between them, would receive forty cents as their share. Rather than living, but yet there is more truth than poetry in it.

Our public school, is in a very flourishing condition at present.

Grapes are very plenty in market at present. Ambrose Weaver, at Schonblom's lower store, has some very fine ones. Try them.

One Smith writes us from Oswego, N. Y., to know if there is any chance for employment in the oil region at present at running engine, or in fact any other employment, and if he had not better come on at once: He also says he has been employed as a clerk in a fancy goods store and is a young man of strictly temperate habits and inquires if any good people live here at all.—Don't come to the oil region, Smith, its dangerous. There are no good people here, and there is no work here for you, unless it be on Culver's Titusville and Franklin Railroad, and even at that work it looks a little dull as only one man is employed at present where two were employed last week. Stay at home, Smith. The present state of the national finances will not admit of it, and then we do not think engineering would suit you.

Three large wells are reported in the lower district, yesterday. The owners are Ferris & Hammond, Brady and Geo. K. Anderson. Oil continues to go down.

We learn that considerable excitement existed in Titusville, yesterday, over the suspension of the banks. A good deal of cursing was done on the part of depositors.

Lawyer Johnson and friend McMillaine, of St. Petersburg, were in town today.—They report very dull times thereabouts.—They both look well and hearty, however, and evidently enjoy themselves and live even if they don't make a dollar as easy as when oil was \$4 to \$5 per barrel.

It is stated that four-fifths of the sawmill machinery in use in the Michigan pineries was made in Erie.

On Monday morning very early, a young man by the name of Bell was brought before Justice Merclliott, by Constable Haslet, on a charge of horse stealing. It seems Bell was working for a man by the name of Altman, at Millerstown; this Mr. Altman was formerly from Shamburg, and on Saturday last sent Bell to that place after his cow furnishing him with a horse and buggy.—As Bell was getting ready to start he mentioned an overcoat, and took Altman's against his wife's protestations, while he was away, using language Mrs. Altman considered ungentlemanly, and when her husband returned she told him about it, which started his ire and suspicions that Bell was not going to return, and early Sunday morning he started for Shamburg, but on arriving there could find no traces of Bell, horse, buggy or overcoat. Now he was sure of his suspicions, and after considerable hard work and sharp practice as a detective, he found Bell about six miles from Shamburg sparking his girl.

After getting a warrant, and our Constable they went to the house where Bell was, and proceeded to arrest him, bringing to Bell's mind the old adage "There is many a slip," &c. On Bell being brought to Altman's presence he explained that as he was not expected to start back from Shamburg until Monday morning, he thought he would drive over and see his girl, thereby having a pleasant time, and, as he told Altman, save his horse feed, these hard times. On being brought before Justice Merclliott he was discharged at once.—Forest Republican.

HEAVY LIVERY BUSINESS.—Mr. Thomas McDonald, formerly of Petroleum Centre, carries on the most extensive livery business of any man in the Oil Region. He has stables at Petroleum Centre, Oil City, St. Petersburg, Petrolia and Millerstown, and keeps in constant employment one hundred and sixty horses, besides a large stock of wagons, etc. Mr. McDonald has followed this business in the Oil Region since the early days, and has been very successful.—[Titusville Courier.]

With the exception that Mr. McDonald has no stables in Petroleum Centre at present, the above paragraph is correct.

A local preacher was called in to officiate in a pulpit during the absence of the minister at the late conference. Having forgotten his spectacles he attempted to read a hymn without them. The first verse began:

'The eastern seas shall come in, With messages and grace.' He read it: 'The eastern seas shall come in, With messages and grace.'

The good brother saw that something was wrong. He immediately stopped and said 'This hymn was doubtless written before the Cross Cut railroad was built.—[Ex.]

At a private party at Bloomington, Ill., lately, it was unexpectedly discovered that every one of the forty-two guests was a native of Washington county, Pennsylvania.

Local news in this section is extremely scarce at present. The low price of oil and consequent dull times attendant thereto, has caused a depression in everything. Even Justice Beveridge, of Rousseville, who is attending to the business of Justice Reynolds during his absence, remarks that a man would starve attending to police business at present. And he is about right.

Of the children born in London more than twice as many are raised to maturity now than were raised one hundred years ago. Then more than one-half died under the age of five years; now only about a quarter.

The time for registering expires on next Saturday, October 4th. All who want to vote should see that their names are recorded on before that date.

On the 13th a court for naturalization will be held in Franklin, offering the last chance to get sworn in previous to election. Parties who intend to be naturalized on the 13th will need to see to their registration on the 4th all the same, and can be so registered by making affirmation of their intention to take out naturalization papers before election.

Norton, the Louisville bank swindler, has been held in the sum of \$20,000. Hereinbefore he has been busily engaged in the proud occupation of calling attention to our great financial policy. At present he has suspended, and does not know when he will resume.

The boxes placed in St. Paul's Cathedral in London for the contributions were recently broken into and their contents extracted. The iron padlocks of the boxes were sawn through, but the work was so well done that detection was not easy until suspicions were aroused.

Zinc has been found in East Buffalo township, Union county in sufficient quantities to pay for working.

FROM THE FRONT!

MILLERSTOWN, Pa., October 1.

A new well was struck last night, opposite the Bowey well, on the Sutton farm, Modoc, is flowing 500 barrels.

The Barnhart & Petrolia Co.'s well, No. 2, at Millerstown, also Brady well, No. 1, in the same vicinity, reached the sand this evening and are both flowing with a good show.

The last piece of the steel bit in McKinney Brothers & Galey well, No. 1, was removed to-day, after four weeks drilling. It is fourteen feet from the sand.

The George K. Anderson well, on the Barnhart farm, has just reached the sand.—The hole is full of oil and gassing heavily.

GREENE CITY, October 1.

On Saturday, Isaac Rineman and William Luckey struck a dry hole on the Troutman farm. This well was located at the coal bank, and on a direct line between L. H. Sweet's well at Modoc, and the Troutman. They struck the sand on Saturday and found but very little of it, and it was of a very inferior kind. This well had already been named "Red Cloud," and they had up a number of large tanks, as everybody was willing to risk their bottom dollar on it, and it was supposed to be a sure thing. It makes the producers that have wells going down in that locality look sober.

Parker & Thompson struck a well on the run below the Brawley well, Starr farm, Saturday which the workmen claim is doing about 200 barrels.

About all the wells in and about Modoc have stopped flowing and are being tined, which makes the territory look as though it was not going to be lasting.

A remarkable and important geological discovery has been made south of Golden, Colorado. It is a deposit of gray clay, filled with trunks and limbs of trees resembling cedar, but transformed into bright, hard coal. Over it is a capping of conglomerate, and over that coarse sand rock.—The coal deposit is tilted at an angle of thirty-five degrees. Apparently coextensive with the conglomerate are found rude flints, tools, and arrow heads, indicating that ages back, before nature had ceased to conceive the northern division of the American continent, what is now known as Colorado Territory was inhabited by a people who manufactured stone implements. Professor Hayden says that the Middle Park, a geological survey of which he has just completed, may be divided into at least four lake basins, which existed thousands of years ago, but of quite modern origin geologically speaking. They form distinct areas, are covered with a good growth of grass, and mountains or high woodland ridges encircle each area.

BUTLER COUNTY.—It is only a few short years since the people of several counties in this State turned up their noses and sneeringly spoke of the soap mines and buckwheat crops of Butler county. But now the tune is turned. Her rich deposits of oil, now developed, enable her to control the market for that article throughout the world. Railroads are being extended to every nook and corner of the county, so as to reach and develop her oil, coal and limestone deposits. Telegraph lines follow the railroads, and hence her people have telegraphic communication with business men all over the world. There are now twelve banking establishments in the county, all doing a flourishing business; money plenty at low rates, and every thing prospering.—The coal fields of that county are immense. Butler county is now amongst the wealthiest counties in the State. A few years ago the principal business of her citizens was threshing buckwheat with two sticks. [Greensburg Tribune and Herald.]

The motion for a new trial in the case of O. P. Acocks, who was convicted of manslaughter for killing Wilson Smith at Pittsfield Warren county, in July last was argued before Judge Wetmore, at Warren, on Monday. The Judge's decision was rendered yesterday. A new trial was refused, and Acock was sentenced to imprisonment in the penitentiary for two years and six months.

The decision in the case of Henry Wenk, who was convicted of attempted arson and whose counsel also motioned for a new trial, has been postponed until this morning.

THE FOURTH SAND THEORY.—In connection with the "fourth sand" theory, old operators will recall the experience at Red Hot. A black oil was found some distance above the usual depth. Upon going further the common green petroleum was found in large quantities, but the singular development proved merely local in its character, having been confined within comparatively restricted limits. Meanwhile, upward of fifty wells in the vicinity of Karns City, Petrolia and Argyle are undergoing the process of deeper drilling, consequently a week or two will settle the whole business.

East St. Louis was the scene of a dog fight last Sunday morning. The stakes were driven in on the brow of a slight hill, about two and a half miles below the ferry landing. The dogs were promptly on hand, blanketed and ready for the fray. Spring, a brindle, was the favorite of sportsmen from east of the Mississippi, and Shoo Fly of the west; \$200 a side. Spring was a very powerful dog, but without experience, while Shoo Fly was perfectly white, a splendid fighter, but not as strongly built as Spring. Pat Roban handled Shoo Fly, and Johnny Conlan handled Spring, while a St. Louis saloon keeper acted as referee. For the first half hour the fighting was live, and in Spring's favor. In the second half hour Shoo Fly secured three good leg holds, but they seemed to have no effect on the brindle. After fighting an hour the white's breath began to fail, and for the next hour and a quarter Spring had it all his own way. Then brindle was declared winner, and poor Shoo Fly was left to die in the pit. A fellow who had climbed into a tree to see the fight, was shaken off by roughs, and will probably follow Shoo Fly.

THE RIGHT TO FLIRT.—A person signing himself "An indignant husband," sends the following to a New York paper: Judge Nelson will become famous in a way little to his credit by his recent decision that looks and kisses constitute a sufficient ground for a breach of promise action.—What does his decision do but put an end to all social and pleasant relations between unmarried men and unmarried women? Of course, men are not going to run the risk of a breach of promise suit by merely casting tender glances on a young woman, or gently pressing her hand. They will shun the society of unmarried women, and make up the deprivation by establishing friendly relations with married women. Now flirtation with a married woman is rarely a strictly innocent amusement. It sooner or later involves the happiness of all concerned, and leads to the wreck of scores of families. It is this sort of thing which Judge Nelson's decision is sure to promote. He makes innocent flirtation dangerous, and places a premium on flirtations with married women.

If this extraordinary decision is to be accepted as the law of the land, we shall owe to Judge Nelson the adoption of that form of immorality which has hitherto been regarded as peculiar to France.

A product of South Australia just discovered, promises well. Kerosene oil has been made from a substance which exudes from the earth in large quantities at the head of the Coorong. An area of 2,000 acres has been taken up by one firm, and experiments have been made to test the stuff, which in appearance resembles asphalt and has been called "caoutchouc." A ton of the stuff yields 70 gallons of kerosene, 30 of lubricating oil, and 7 of varnish. The kerosene is spoken of as good in quality. Tests have shown that it will not burn except through a wick until heated to 153 degrees.

The public debt statement shows a reduction of \$1,901,467 during the past month.

The Second National Bank of Washington has resumed currency payments.

The Cummings Car Company, of Jersey City, has been obliged to suspend.

A new sect styled "Zion's Travelers" has appeared in South Carolina. They profess to be immediately guided by the Lord, and to have frequent revelations from above.—They recently supposed that the Lord ordered them to remove to North Carolina, and they are now on their way thither.

Meadville has the honor (?) of numbering among her citizens two of the worst brutes on record. They recently made a wager to which one staked five dollars to one, that the other could not pull the leg from a live chicken. The preliminaries being arranged, the party, consisting of the two principal criminals in the proceeding, and a crowd of men and boys as lookers-on, repaired to a barn in the vicinity, where a chicken was procured, and the legs torn from its living body.—What kind of punishment would be too bad for these less than brutes?

Large numbers of Carlists are surrendered to Republican troops in the province of Leridas, with hopes of amnesty.

Mother Goose (Jay) Cooked.

Rock-sby railroad—Stock, bond, or note; When the kite flies well, The railroad will float. When the bank breaks, The kite's got to fall, Down comes the railroad, Stocks, bonds, notes and all.

The Grant Locomotive Works, at Patterson, New Jersey, on account of the scarcity of greenbacks, have discharged an additional 150 workmen.

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FREDK. FRALEY, Treasurer, 904 Walnut St., Philadelphia

Work on the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railroad tunnel through Berget Hill has been suspended.

Erie claims to have a population of over twenty-four thousand.